

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

~~1. An information providing system, comprising:~~
~~a database for storing objects and map information~~
~~linked with each other; and~~
5 ~~display control means for displaying the objects~~
 ~~and the map information stored in said database on~~
 ~~display means.~~

10 ~~2. An information providing system system~~
 ~~according to claim 1, further comprising:~~
 ~~search condition input means for inputting a~~
 ~~search condition; and~~
 ~~search means for searching for objects in said~~
 ~~database based on the condition input by said search~~
15 ~~condition input means, wherein~~
 ~~said display control means displays the object~~
 ~~searched for by said search means and the map~~
 ~~information.~~

20 ~~3. An information providing system according to~~
 ~~claim 1, wherein~~
 ~~said display control means displays the objects~~
 ~~and the map information in different areas.~~

25 ~~4. An information providing system according to~~
 ~~claim 3, wherein~~
 ~~said display control means displays the number of~~

objects.

5. An information providing system according to
claim 2, wherein

5 said search condition input means inputs a
position and a distance on the map as a search
condition.

10 6. An information providing system according to
claim 2, wherein

 said search condition input means inputs equipment
of an object as a search condition.

15 7. An information providing system according to
claim 2, wherein:

 said search condition input means inputs a
starting point and a destination point as a search
condition; and

20 said display control means displays a path from
the starting point to the destination point on the map.

8. An information providing system according to
claim 2, wherein:

25 said search condition input means inputs a
starting point and a destination point as a search
condition; and

 said display control means displays at least any

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of a distance and a required time from the starting point to the destination point.

5 9. An information providing method, comprising the steps of:

storing objects and map information linked with each other; and

displaying the objects and the map information stored in said database on display means.

10 10. An information providing method according to claim 9, further comprising:

inputting a search condition; and

15 searching for objects in said database based on the condition input in said search condition inputting step, wherein

said displaying step displays the object searched for in said searching step and the map information.

20 11. An information providing method according to claim 9, wherein

said displaying step displays the objects and the map information in different areas.

25 12. An information providing method according to claim 11, wherein

said displaying step displays the number of

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objects.

13. An information providing method according to
claim 10, wherein

5 said search condition inputting step inputs a
position and a distance on the map as a search
condition.

14. An information providing method according to
10 claim 10, wherein

 said search condition inputting step inputs
equipment of an object as a search condition.

15. An information providing method according to
15 claim 10, wherein:

 said search condition inputting step inputs a
starting point and a destination point as a search
condition; and

20 said displaying step displays a path from the
starting point to the destination point on the map.

16. An information providing method according to
claim 10, wherein:

25 said search condition inputting step inputs a
starting point and a destination point as a search
condition; and

 said displaying step displays at least any of a

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distance and a required time from the starting point to
the destination point.

~~SVG A7~~ 17. An information providing system, comprising:
5 a database for storing sales record information;
search means for searching for the sales record
information; and
display control means for displaying the sales
record information searched for by said search means on
10 display means.

18. An information providing system according to
claim 17, further comprising
collection means for obtaining a collected sales
15 record amount based on the sales record information
searched for by said search means, wherein
said display control means displays the collected
sales record amount.

20 19. An information providing system according to
claim 18, wherein
said collection means obtains the collected sales
record amount every month.

25 20. An information providing system according to
claim 18, wherein
said collection means obtains the collected sales

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record amount every year.

21. An information providing system according to
claim 18, wherein

5 said collection means obtains the collected sales
record amount biannually.

22. An information providing system according to
claim 21, wherein

10 said display control means displays the biannually
collected sales record amount in two rows.

23. An information providing system according to
claim 18, wherein

15 said collection means obtains a collected amount
for each sales item.

24. An information providing system according to
claim 18, wherein

20 said collection means obtains a collected amount
for each sales window.

25. An information providing system according to
claim 18, wherein

25 said collection means obtains a collected amount
for each supplier.

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26. An information providing system according to
claim 17, wherein

5 said search means searches for information based
on a sales item as a condition.

10 27. An information providing system according to
claim 17, wherein

15 said search means searches for information based
on a supplier as a condition.

20 28. An information providing system according to
claim 17, wherein

25 said search means searches for information based
on a sales window as a condition.

30 29. An information providing method, comprising
the steps of:

 storing sales record information in a database;

 searching for the sales record information; and

35 displaying the sales record information searched
for in said searching step on display means.

40 30. An information providing method according to
claim 29, further comprising the step of

45 collecting a collected sales record amount based
on the sales record information searched for by said
searching step, wherein

1 said displaying step displays the collected sales
2 record amount.

3 31. An information providing method according to
4 5 claim 30, wherein

6 said collecting step obtains the collected sales
7 record amount every month.

8 32. An information providing method according to
9 10 claim 30, wherein

11 said collecting step obtains the collected sales
12 record amount every year.

13 33. An information providing method according to
14 15 claim 30, wherein

16 said collecting step obtains the collected sales
17 record amount biannually.

18 34. An information providing method according to
19 20 claim 33, wherein

21 said displaying step displays the biannually
22 collected sales record amount in two rows.

23 35. An information providing method according to
24 25 claim 30, wherein

26 said collecting step obtains a collected amount
27 for each sales item.

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36. An information providing method according to
claim 30, wherein

 said collecting step obtains a collected amount
for each sales window.

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37. An information providing method according to
claim 30, wherein

 said collecting step obtains a collected amount
for each supplier.

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38. An information providing method according to
claim 29, wherein

 said search step searches for information based on
a sales item as a condition.

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39. An information providing method according to
claim 29, wherein

 said searching step searches for information based
on a supplier as a condition.

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40. An information providing method according to
claim 29, wherein

 said searching step searches for information based
on a sales window as a condition.

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41. An information providing system, comprising:
 a database for storing supplier's sales

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information provided through a network; and
display control means for displaying the
supplier's sales information stored in said database on
display means.

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42. An information providing system according to
claim 41, further comprising
search means for searching for sales information,

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said display control means displays the sales
information searched for by said search means.

43. An information providing system according to
claim 42, wherein

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said sales information is information about parts, materials, product information, and/or substitute goods.

44. An information providing system according to
claim 42, wherein

said sales information is information about
persons of suppliers.

45. An information providing system according to
claim 42, wherein

said sales information is information about a home page of a supplier or a home page of product

information.

46. An information providing system according to
claim 42, wherein

5 said search means searches information based on
suppliers or business type as a condition.

47. An information providing method, comprising
the steps of:

10 storing supplier's sales information provided
through a network in a database; and

displaying the supplier's sales information stored in said database on display means.

15 48. An information providing method according to
claim 47, further comprising the step of
searching for sales information, wherein
said display step displays the sales information
searched for in said searching step.

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49. An information providing method according to
claim 48, wherein
said sales information is information about parts,
materials, product information, and/or substitute
goods.

50. An information providing method according to

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claim 48, wherein

 said sales information is information about
persons of suppliers.

5 51. An information providing method according to
claim 48, wherein

 said sales information is information about a home
page of a supplier or a home page of product
information.

10 52. An information providing method according to
claim 48, wherein

 said search step searches information based on
suppliers or business type as a condition.

15 53. A computer-readable medium storing a program,
comprising the steps of:

 storing objects and map information linked with
each other in a database; and

20 displaying the objects and the map information
stored in said database on display means.

25 54. A computer-readable medium according to claim
53, further comprising the steps of:

 inputting a search condition; and
 searching for objects in said database based on
the condition input in said search condition inputting

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step, wherein

said displaying step displays the object and the map information searched for in said searching step.

5 55. A computer-readable medium storing a program, comprising the steps of:

storing sales record information in a database;

searching for the sales record information; and

displaying the sales record information searched

10 for in said searching step on display means.

56. A computer-readable medium according to claim
55, further comprising the step of

obtaining a collected sales record amount based on

15 the sales record information searched for by said
searching step, wherein

said displaying step displays the collected sales record amount.

20 57. A computer-readable medium storing a program,
comprising the steps of:

storing supplier's sales information provided through a network in a database; and

displaying the supplier's sales information stored in said database on display means.

57, further comprising the step of
searching for sales information, wherein
said display step displays the sales information
searched for in said searching step.